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SUBJ: WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY OUTING FOR AMERICAN
COMMUNITY

A FACTOR WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERA-
TION IN RELATION TO DATE OF YOUR ARRIVAL HERE IS THAT
WE ARE PLANNING FOR FEBRUARY 22 THE ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY OUTING FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THIS TAKES
PLACE IN THE EMBASSY COMPOUND AND WE ANTICIPATE AN
ATTENDANCE OF 800 OR 900 AMERICANS. IT IS SOMETHING
LIKE AN OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY OUTING, WITH
HAMBURGERS AND DRINKS ON SALE AND A WIDE VARIETY OF
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. IT IS OF
COURSE A VERY INFORMAL AFFAIR WITH CASUAL CLOTHING
WORN BY ALL. THIS IS TRADITIONALLY THE ONE LARGE
GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY DURING THE YEAR,
ALTHOUGH WE OMITTED IT LAST YEAR FOR SECURITY REASONS.

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